

HMAS Diamantina

Award of Engineering Heritage National Marker.

Ceremony Report.

The award of Engineers Australia's Engineering Heritage National Marker was unveiled at a ceremony held 25 October 2020 as part of the 75 Year Commemoration of VP Day 1945-2020.

The ceremony was held on the quarterdeck of HMAS Diamantina located at the Queensland Maritime Museum, South Brisbane.

The Commemoration of VP Day forms part of a legacy project in which Queensland Maritime Museum have been collecting stories of HMAS Diamantina and its crews, to mark the important role the ship played at the end of WW2, and the historic signing of two surrender ceremonies onboard.

Engineers Australia Queensland President (Colin Mitchell) was extended an invitation to the commemoration.



Queensland Maritime Museum cordially invites

Mr Colin Mitchell
to our

**75 YEAR COMMEMORATION OF
VP DAY
1945 - 2020**

on the quarterdeck of HMAS *Diamantina*
(and live streamed)

Queensland Maritime Museum,
Cnr Stanley & Sidon Street, South Brisbane

10.00AM – 11.30AM | SUNDAY 25TH OCT

Refreshments will be served after the commemoration.
RSVP by Wednesday 21 October to media@maritimemuseum.com.au



This event is funded under the Commonwealth Government's Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Engineers Australia is grateful to the Queensland Maritime Museum for the opportunity to award the Engineering Heritage National Marker to HMAS Diamantina as part of the commemoration proceedings.

The President of Engineers Australia, Queensland Division Colin Mitchell explained the significance of the engineering heritage award for HMAS Diamantina to 35 invited dignitaries and guests attending the VP Day commemorations.

The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Paul de Jersey unveiled the Interpretation Panel and Marker jointly with Bill McDonald (former Diamantina crew member), in front of the invited guests.

The following images capture the part of the commemorations where the award was presented.



The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Paul de Jersey with Stoker Bill McDonald (former Diamantina crew member), Colin Mitchell and Captain Kasper Kuiper - Chair, QMMA at the unveiling of Engineers Australia's Interpretation Panel and Engineering Heritage National Marker.
(Source: Queensland Maritime Museum)



Qld Division President Colin Mitchell and Chair Engineering Heritage Queensland Andrew Barnes.
(Source: Queensland Maritime Museum)



HMAS Diamantina in dry dock with the Interpretation Panel on display to the public
(Source: Queensland Maritime Museum)



The marker and the plaque attached to HMAS Diamantina.
(Source: Queensland Maritime Museum)

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